ARTS NETWORKING CONFERENCE 2000

GRADE LEVEL: Levels 2 and 5

THEATRE CORE STANDARDS: Acting and Playmaking

THEATRE SKILLS OBJECTIVE: The students will successfully

demonstrate the ability to use reader's theatre skills to create characters, dialogue, physical attributes, and

actions leading to clear story-telling and

interpretation of the material.

THEATRE STYLE/GENRE: Reader's Theatre

DEPARTURE MATERIAL: Collection of folk-tales.

PRESENTERS: Margaret Crowell, Professional Actor

Megan McGinley, Indian Hills (5th), SLC

Xan S. Johnson, USOE/Theatre

TITLE: Reader's Theatre in the Classroom

PREPARATIONS	PROCEDURES
MASTER CLASS	MASTER CLASSES WITH 2 nd and 5 th GRADE STUDENTS
 Teaching Goals: Experience PLAYMAKING and ACTING through Reader's Theatre Create a Reader's Theatre script Plan a performance of the Reader's Theatre script Rehearse a Reader's Theatre script 	 Performance Warm-up Ritual: Set up production space Individual warm-up rituals Group warm-up rituals Go to places (10 MINUTES) Note: These 5th Graders have already performed once for their school. So,

they will be further along in their mastery of the skills than the 2^{nd} Graders.

Required Resources:

- A variety of folk-tales.
- Stools and music stands
- Script copies for cast
- An audience

Key Words or Terms:

- Playmaking and Acting Standards
- Reader's Theatre
- Dialogue
- Physical attributes
- Character
- Action

Curriculum Connections:

- Reading Core
- Language Arts Core
- Social Studies Core

Additional Resources:

• Reader's Theatre website

http://www.readerstheatre.com/

Scripting and Rehearsing the Selected Foke-tales:

(45 MINUTES)

- Analysis the chosen material in terms of motivation and RT
- Select key narration, characters, dialogue, physical attributes, and actions essential to the story that will work in Reader's Theatre style
- Script for Reader's Theatre complete with stage directions
- Conceptualize and construct the performance space using stools and music stands as the heart of the set
- Rehearse the script

Assess

(5 MINUTES)

- Perceive/reflect on experience with Reader's Theatre
- Key word rubric assessment
- Portfolio ideas

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